

JOHN D. COLMESNIL.

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Mr. ADAMS, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, made the following

R E P O R T .

The Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to whom was referred the memorial of John D. Colmesnil, president of the Ohio and Mississippi Mail Line Company, asking the passage of an act requiring the payment to him of the sum reported to be owing the company by the Sixth Auditor of the Post Office Department, on the 24th September, 1855, make the following report:

It appears from the facts in the case that sometime in December, 1832, or January, 1833, Major William T. Barry, then Postmaster General of the United States, procured or engaged the Ohio and Mississippi Mail Line Company to transport the mail from Louisville, Kentucky, to New Orleans, in Louisiana, making no specific contract, however, as to the sum or amount to be paid said company for said service; and said company transported the mail between said points from the time it commenced the service to the 15th of July, 1833, and performed the service faithfully, but the precise time at which the service was commenced is left somewhat in doubt.

Upon application of memorialist, the Congress of the United States, on the 27th February, 1851, passed for the relief of said company the following joint resolution:

“Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Auditor of the Treasury for the Post Office Department be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to audit and adjust the account of John D. Colmesnil, president of the Ohio and Mississippi Mail Line Company, for transporting the mails of the United States on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, between Louisville and New Orleans, and intermediate points, during the season of steamboat navigation, between the 15th day of November, 1832, and the 15th day of July, 1833; and upon ascertaining the amount of services actually rendered by said company, in the transportation of the mails as aforesaid, the said Auditor shall pay to the said John D. Colmesnil, for the use of himself and his associates, out of any funds appropriated for the transportation of the mails, the sum which may be found justly and equitably due to said company:

